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Subject: RE: EW AB Memo Status

Hi Tamara

I see why you were confused. The sentence should have stated that we would like if possible to have Ecology's comments on the AB Report by mid-May. We would like to ask that you prioritize the EW PP and get us comments by April 6th which gives Ecology a full 30 days for review from the time the AB Report is received. We are planning to release the EW Proposed Plan for public comment in early May so would like to have Ecology's comments in advance of this if possible. I know that you will not be around after this week so Rick if you want to give me a call to discuss I am available. Kira

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Hi Kira;

Thank you for your response. I am a little confused by your email (the highlighted part below). It seems like you understand we will not be sending comments before the first week of May, but you are asking that we provide comments on the proposed plan by the beginning of April (30 days after receipt of the AB report). Beginning of May is a more realistic goal for us.

Ecology will be as expeditious as possible with our review ; however, we are not able to commit to an earlier date at this time. It is important for us to understand in detail how the AB was developed and how it changes the proposed plan. If EPA does not plan to address SMS and ARARs in detail in the East Waterway Proposed Plan; we need to make sure that our feedback and concerns are adequately documented. Thank you for considering our workload challenges.

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Hi Tamara

Thank you for your response regarding the East Waterway Proposed Plan review. EPA considers Ecology's review and comments of the PP to be an important component in our decision making. I apologize for any mis-representation of this conveyed by making reference to this being a "courtesy" review. If I understand your message correctly, Ecology is requesting 60 days to provide comments on the PP subsequent to receiving the Anthropogenic Background report. EPA anticipates receiving the draft AB report on March 5th, at which time EPA will expeditiously forward it to Ecology. EPA would then appreciate comments on the proposed plan during the first or second week of May. Understanding Ecology's current workload, EPA would ask that Ecology prioritize the review of the Proposed Plan and provide comments within 30 days of receipt of the Anthropogenic Background Report, which will allow EPA the time to potentially change language in the Draft EW PP based on Ecology's comments, and release the plan to the public in late April/early May.

I wanted to point out that Ecology provided a very thorough and helpful review of the EW PP in Feb 2020. I have attached Ecology's previous comments, the EPA response to comment matrix, and the notes from the comment resolution meeting we held. Much of the EW PP has not changed from the previous version you reviewed and the comments previously provided have been addressed as outlined in the response matrix. The only changes we made to the EW PP was to update it to support a final vs interim remedy and to document rationale for sediment CULs. The selected remedy and much of the background has not changed with this version.

EPA will endeavor to address comments from Ecology to the extent practicable in the PP, but some comments may be addressed in the ROD. EPA intends to comply with the Washington State Sediment Management Standards when making the Remedy Decision. However, EPA does not plan to address SMS and ARARs in detail in the East Waterway Proposed Plan. Rather, there will be a more detailed analysis of ARARs compliance of the remedy in EPA's Record of Decision for East Waterway. EPA will not be requesting concurrence, or non/concurrence, until that time.

EPA appreciates Ecology's efforts to support this critical step in addressing the contamination within the East Waterway. As always, EPA looks forward to working with Ecology to further our joint mission of protecting human health and the environment in Washington State. Good luck with your new endeavors we will miss working with you. Kira

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Kira and Ravi;

We have discussed our approach to this review internally. We will not be able to comment on the proposed plan until we review the Anthropogenic Background report. It is important for Ecology to determine compliance with SMS. If Anthropogenic Background does not comply with SMS then we need to ensure that the proposed cleanup does. Compliance with SMS is a concern for us. With this in mind, we request a minimum of 30 days for review of the Anthropogenic Background report, once received; and 30 days for the Proposed Plan.

Ravi stated in his email that he was providing the document for "courtesy" review. It is important for Ecology to know if our review will ultimately be considered by EPA. If EPA does not plan to consider Ecology's comments and is proceeding with the plan "as is" for public comment then we will focus our time on other tasks. We have many vacancies and our workload continues to increase, I want to make sure staff's time is well spent and valued. However, please keep in mind that our concerns will remain and will be brought up again when concurrence with the remedy is requested.

Please continue to communicate with the group copied on this email. My last day with Ecology is 3/5. Rick Thomas will coordinate the review of the East Waterway documents.

Thank you.

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Thanks Tamara. I think Ravi was hoping to have a sense of any comments Ecology may have before we start the briefings for EPA HQ however this is not critical. We are not scheduled to release the PP for public comment until late April/early May so we have some flexibility. Kira

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Ravi;

We will need to also review the EW Anthropogenic Background memo before we comment on the Draft East Waterway Proposed Plan. I can almost guarantee you that we will need longer than March 30th. But we can evaluate the length of additional time needed once we have both documents in hand.

Thank you.

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Hi Tamara I found out today that the EW Anthropogenic Background memo is expected to be submitted to EPA Friday March 5th. I will send it to Ecology soon after I get it. Based on our earlier discussions, EPA would like to have comments back from Ecology on the Draft East Waterway Proposed Plan COB March 30th. Should you have any questions or require a meeting before comments are due, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Ravi